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**DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES REDUCTION OF DATA ELEMENTS
IN THE STATEWIDE DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM, ISEE**

(BOISE) – Today, Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra announced that significant changes have been made to the Idaho System for Educational Excellence, ISEE. The system was established as the State’s K-12 longitudinal data system and was intended to support the budgeting process, streamline data submissions from school districts and to better meet federal reporting requirements.

“Since the inception of ISEE, there have been reports from school districts that the system could be refined,” Superintendent Ybarra said. “In an effort to support schools districts and personnel who have been working diligently to make ISEE work, we have made changes to the system in hopes that the burden on school districts will be reduced.”

The department began conducting a review of the system on April 27, 2015. Through this review process, the number of collected data elements were significantly reduced.

Changes for the FY16 School Year:

- Of the 566 data elements, approximately 115 data elements have been removed from the ISEE data collection process and are being collected through other sources.
- Of the 566 data elements, approximately 111 data elements have been removed entirely because they were unnecessary, redundant or derivable from other sources.

Superintendent Ybarra had established a goal to address issues within ISEE and to address the amount of data which was being collected. In FY17, it is expected that an additional 55 data elements will be removed from the ISEE collection process with the sunset of Schoolnet as the statewide Instructional Management System.

Additionally, the frequency of collection will be reduced from a possible 12 monthly collections per year, to a possible 6 collections per year. “During this review process, it was not only important to address the quantity of data which was being collected,” Ybarra’s Chief Technology Officer said. “It was also important to address the frequency of the data collections. Our goal with this change is to alleviate some of the burden on school districts.”

For more detailed information on the reduction of data elements being collected through ISEE, please contact Will Goodman at (208) 332-6970 or by email at wgoodman@sde.idaho.gov.

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